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Dear Friend:

I am writing to ask you to kindly prevail upon your very splendid organization to honor The Newark Eagles with their presence opening day this year, as they have in the past. Honestly, opening day would not be the same without them.

I should have written you sooner, but I know you can understand when I tell you I had a few extra headaches this year. With our country at war the baseball has a lot of extra problems to face.

At a time like this I really feel The American Legion should have extra significance. Should there be some extra ceremony? I made a trip to Ft. Dix yesterday, and our "Joe" promised to throw out the first ball, if he was in this neighborhood. Of course he is a soldier in our army, and subject to call. However I believe and hope he will be some where near. He leaves Ft. Dix April 20th. If you have any suggestions to offer please do so.

Opening day for The Negro National League in Newark is Sunday May 3rd. We will be playing The Homestead Grays with the great Josh Gibson on that occasion. Between The Homestead Grays, and Joe Louis the fans of New Jersey should have something to look forward to. I know The American Legion will take care of this program for me, and I will be very happy to put it in their hands.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible, so I can proceed with my plans.

Very truly Yours

P.S. The Queen Of Angles Band has consented to play the music for us.

JOHN BORICAN DAY in New Jersey

FOUR - TEAM DOUBLEHEADER

New York Black Yankees

70

Philadelphia Stars



Newark Eagles

100

Baltimore Elite Giants

Ruppert Stadium

Sunday, August 31, 1941

1:15
P. M.

Biggest Baseball Attraction of the Year